will be covered with computerized reservation facility in coming years depending upon availability of funds. A list of stations sanctioned with computerized reservation facilities in the financial year 2002-03 is given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix 197, Annexure No. 24]

Penalty for crimes against wild animals

†*357. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions in force to impose penalty for crimes against wild animals;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to increase the amount of penalty adequatley, under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for such crimes, in order to deter the offenders;

(c) whether some State Governments have also proposed to increase the amount of penalty for such crimes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Penalties for crime against wildlife are imposed as per provisions of Section 51 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(b) to (d) The Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2002 which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 2002 seeks to enhance the amount of fine and extent of imprisonment. The said Bill has been made after consultation with the State Governments.

Lakes in Bangalore

*358. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought Rs. 250 crore Central assistance to conserve and develop the lakes, in and around Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Karnataka Government has sought Central assistance for conservation and development of the lakes as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Lakes	Estimated cost
1.	Vengaiahkhere, jarganahalli, Nagavara and Kamakshipalaya in Bangalore	Rs. 12.32 crore
2.	Bellandur, Bangalore	Rs. 5.542 crore
3.	Kotekere, Belgaum	Rs. 6.395 crore
4.	Bhishma, Gadag	Rs. 3.30 crore
5.	Lal Baug, Bangalore	Rs. 2.00 crore
6.	Hirekere, Dharwar	Rs. 4.05 crore

The project for conservation of 4 lakes in Bangalore at Sl. No. 1 above was sanctioned in February, 2002 and is under implementation. Sanctioning of proposals in respect of other lakes depends on their pollution status, *inter se* prioritization and availability of funds in the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Central schools in H.P.

*359. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for opening of more Central schools in Himachal Pradesh, for the education of children of serving and ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) which districts/locations are covered under this scheme and by when this scheme is likely to be materialized; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):(a) and (b) A proposal has been received in the prescribed format from Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP) Authorities as well as from the Government of Himachal Pradesh to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya under civil sector at Rekongpeo. Apart from this, requests,